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In re Application of:

Charles C. Brackett : Group Art Unit: 2134
Serial No.: 09/667,742 : Examiner: Heneghan, M.E.
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Title: ULTRASOUND IMAGING SYSTEM
HAVING VIRUS PROTECTION

Hon. Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RESPONSE TO FINAL REJECTION

Sir:

In response to the Final Rejection dated May 3, 2005, the Applicant submits the following argument for reconsideration of the non-obviousness of the invention being claimed in the instant patent application.

ARGUMENT

In ¶ 3 of the office action, claims 1, 4, 8, 9, 11-13, 30-32, and 34-36 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,269,379 to Hiyama et al. in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,694,434 to McGee et al. and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,319,776 to Hile et al. The Applicant traverses this ground for rejection for the following reasons.

Both of independent claims 1 and 30 recite limitations not found in any of the three cited patents, namely, that a registry file contains encrypted data representing a list of